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## Donations sought for farmers hit by hurricanes

By TED SLOAN

*Kentucky Agricultural News*

**H**urricanes have left downed fences, drenched pastures and damaged farm buildings in their wake. Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer is calling on all Kentuckians to reach out to farmers in the areas ravaged by the hurricanes.

Between now and Oct. 7, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will collect new farm supplies and livestock feed for farmers in the gulf coast states who were affected by the hurricane. As part of the effort, the Kentucky Cattle-men's Association will collect cash and credit card donations that will be used to buy needed supplies to supplement donated items.

"One of Kentucky's finest traditions is that of neighbor helping neighbor," Commissioner Farmer said. "I'm proud to say that several Kentucky farm organizations are reaching out to their fellow farmers in need. Now I ask all Kentuckians to pitch in."

"People from other states have helped us in the past with droughts, forest fires, ice storms and other emergencies," Commissioner Farmer said. "Now it's our turn to help."

Roger Jones, an official of nonprofit Heifer International who lives in Hattiesburg, Miss., said there are so many downed trees in his area that it  
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Chris Aldridge

Commissioner Richie Farmer introduces U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns.

## Johanns makes Ky. stop

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE

*Kentucky Agricultural News*

**I**f it ain't broke, don't fix it." That cliché summed up the feelings of most of the farmers and ranchers who took the floor to voice their opinions when U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns visited Louisville Aug. 31 for a listening session on the 2007 Farm Bill.

High gas prices, which had soared to more than \$3 a gallon at the time, were on the minds of many farmers, many of whom had driven long distances to speak to and hear Secretary Johanns. The biggest applause of the night came after a farmer from Spencer County said, "It costs me more to drive

to McDonald's than it does to eat at McDonald's. It'll be a sad day when we rely on other countries to feed us the way we rely on other countries for oil."

Johanns stressed that this country's farmers must develop a global mindset.

"The productivity of the U.S. farmer and rancher grows 2 percent annually ... But (U.S.) consumption grows at less than 1 percent per year," he said. "One out of every three acres in the U.S. needs an export market. Ninety-five percent of the world's population lives outside the U.S."

"I grew up competing with the kid in the next county or next state. Ladies and gentlemen, like it or not, you compete in a world marketplace."



# Louisville hosts FFA Convention once more

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE

*Kentucky Agricultural News*

**K**entucky's seven-year run as host of the National FFA Convention comes to an end Oct. 26-29, when Louisville will welcome about 50,000 delegates from across the nation for the 78th annual event.

Next year, and through 2012, the national convention moves to Indianapolis, which is home to the FFA's national headquarters.

"It's the last convention in the state for a while," said Kentucky State FFA Advisor Curt Lucas. "But we had our run. We can't blame the national organization for having the convention in the city where their headquarters is located. And it won't be terribly far away from us."

Between 4,500-5,000 Kentuckians are expected to attend the convention, Lucas said. He noted that Kentucky ranks among the nation's top 10 states

in FFA membership with nearly 15,000 students.

"The thing we'll miss most is the opportunity for so many of our kids to attend," he said. "So many students get exposure to that type of quality, quality event. And, certainly, it's sad to see it go from the standpoint of what it means to the state economically, with so many people coming here."

Kentucky has 150 members who will be presented American FFA Degrees, the organization's highest. Lucas and James Morgan, who teaches agriculture at Owensboro Apollo High School, will receive Honorary American FFA Degrees.

Last year's state president, University of Kentucky student Charlee Doom of Larue County, is running for national office. The delegates will elect one national president and four vice presidents from each of four regions of the country.



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Charlee Doom

also is known as the companion of talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

While Lucas is sad to see the national convention move to Indiana, he is happy for the exposure having the event in Louisville has given FFA in Kentucky.

"It's brought an increased awareness of FFA in the state and, particularly, in the Louisville area," he said. "It's been great for agricultural educa-

The keynote speaker will be Stedman Graham, an author, lecturer and consultant who runs a non-profit organization of athletes committed to developing leadership in underserved youths. Graham

tion. We'll still have our state convention in Louisville, but if anybody is in the Louisville area [Oct. 26-29], I'd encourage them to go by and see a session.

"It's the largest youth convention in the nation. It's an opportunity to showcase young people in a really positive way. It seems like negative things always get the coverage, but if anybody wants to feel positive about the future, attend any FFA event."

The event will be televised live on RFD-TV.

"It's almost cliché, but I want people to know that ag education is alive and well," Lucas said. "There's been a decline in farm numbers, so most people probably think FFA is in decline, too. But just the opposite is true."

"Only one in three of our members are from the farm. The program is all about leadership, personal growth and career development."

## North American attracts world's top livestock

*KAN staff report*

**L**ivestock exhibitors from around the world will bring their best animals to Louisville for the annual North American International Livestock Exposition Nov. 5-18 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

The North American also will feature the North American Championship Rodeo, the North American Quarter Horse Show, the U.S. Disc Dogs National Championship and other attractions.

The expo is the world's largest all-breed, purebred livestock competition. Nearly 22,000 entries and approximately 200,000 visitors will converge on the state fairgrounds for the event. It brings an estimated economic impact of \$11.6 million to Louisville each year.

The NAILE offers competition in dairy cattle, dairy goats, llamas and alpacas, quarter horses, draft horses, market swine, beef cattle, boer goats and sheep. The purebred beef and sheep events are the largest in the world. Seven major youth judging contests also will be held.

The North American Championship Rodeo Nov. 10-12 features the invitational finals for the Pro Rodeo Cowboys

**WHAT:** North American International Livestock Exposition

**WHEN:** Nov. 5-18

**WHERE:** Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville

Association. The Great Lakes Circuit Rodeo Finals brings top riders from nine states, including Kentucky, together to compete for more than \$70,000 in prizes and the regional champion title.

U.S. Disc Dogs National Championship will be Nov. 12-13. The North American Quarter Horse Show, which is among the top five shows in the nation, will be Nov. 2-10. The Giant Country Store will be back with nearly 150 commercial vendors.

The North American is produced by the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the direction of the Kentucky State Fair Board and in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Tickets to the North American are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Parking is \$5. A pass for the entire NAILE is \$20, and a parking pass for all 14 days is \$25. Tickets to the North American Championship Rodeo are sold separately.

For entry information, health regulations and other information, go to the North American's Web site, [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org).

## UK hosts beef symposium

*UK College of Agriculture*

**K**entucky, Virginia and Tennessee Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with the North Central Region Bovine Reproduction Task Force, will host Applied Reproductive Strategies in Beef Cattle Nov. 1-2 at the Ramada Inn in Lexington.

Similar programs are being offered in Texas and Nevada. The meetings are for anyone interested in beef cattle reproduction and estrous synchronization, including producers, veterinarians, artificial insemination technicians and Extension specialists.

The workshops are designed to improve the understanding of the physiological processes of the estrous cycle, currently available procedures to synchronize estrus and ovulation, and the proper application of these systems. They will also focus on improving participants' understanding of methods to assess male fertility and how it affects the success of AI programs.

Symposium speakers include reproductive physiologists and veterinarians from across the country. Kentucky's program focuses on aspects of reproduction unique to the eastern United States, such as the impacts of endophyte-infected fescue, moderate herd size and feeds common to the re-

gion, said John Hall, Extension beef cattle specialist at Virginia Tech.

Les Anderson, a University of Kentucky Extension beef cattle specialist, said the meeting will offer panels featuring producers and practicing veterinarians. The meeting is approved for continuing education credits for veterinarians.

First-day topics will include the physiological principles underlying estrous synchronization, a detailed review of current estrous synchronization systems, costs and comparisons, nutrition and reproduction interactions, and dealing with noncycling females.

Day two will include presentations on breeding soundness exams, industry application of technology in male reproduction, embryo transfer, reproductive tract scoring and the use of ultrasound for early pregnancy diagnosis and fetal sexing.

The fee for the symposium is \$175 for both days or \$125 for one day. Information and registration forms are available at <http://www.apsc.vt.edu/Extension/Extension.cfm?Page=Beef> under the link Applied Reproductive Strategies. For more information, contact Les Anderson at (859) 257-2856 or [landerso@uky.edu](mailto:landerso@uky.edu), or John Hall at (540) 231-9153 or [jhall@vt.edu](mailto:jhall@vt.edu).





Teresa Prather

Larry Burton of Bear Wallow Farm launches a pumpkin with his homemade Punkin Chucker.

## Agritourism trail debuts Oct. 2

*Special to KAN*

**K**entucky Farm Stays, a new statewide agritourism trail, will debut Oct. 2 with a free press tour and open house for aspiring Farm Stays innkeepers at participating locations.

The Bed & Breakfast Association of Kentucky has created the Kentucky Farm Stays program to encourage agritourism. Visitors can learn about the importance of agriculture to their everyday lives and have fun doing it. Proprietors can engage in agritourism to diversify their operations and add a source of revenue on the farm.

Media representatives and farm owners who are interested in becoming

bed-and-breakfast innkeepers through the Kentucky Farm Stays program are encouraged to visit one or more of the inns participating in the Oct. 2 launch to learn about innkeeping and agritourism.

The events will coincide with National Country Inn B&B Day.

The free press tour and open house will be offered from 2-5 p.m. local time at participating inns.

BBAK will host a training session for aspiring innkeepers during its 15th annual conference Nov. 6 at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort in Lexington.

For more information, go to the BBAK Web site, [www.kentuckybb.com](http://www.kentuckybb.com), or contact Todd Allen, BBAK president, at (859) 336-3075.

# Check agritourism sites for fantastic fall fun

By **TED SLOAN** and **CHRIS ALDRIDGE**

*Kentucky Agricultural News*

**K**entucky travelers have more choices for fun fall outings than ever. With gas prices skyrocketing, agritourism destinations offer inexpensive, enjoyable and educational activities close to home.

**Haney's Appledale Farm** in Nancy in Pulaski County offers peaches in the summer and 40 varieties of apples in the fall. Haney's also is known for its unique fried apple and peach pies.

"We think they're pretty special," said Don Haney, who co-owns the farm with his brother, Mark. "We have people travel a long way just to buy a box of pies."

Haney's orchard is 132 years old and, according to Don, was one of the first to allow people to pick their own fruit. "We've been doing that nearly 40 years," he said. "Our dad started it out of desperation, but it's a family tradition now. We've got people that came here as children that come back with their children and grandchildren."

Haney's also sells jams and jellies, and has a gift shop with hundreds of different types of baskets and candles that are made locally.

At **Bear Wallow Farm**, also in Pulaski County, co-owner Larry Burton launches orange satellites into the sky with his homemade, air-powered Punkin Chucker.

"Once people get out here and see it, they are really amazed by it," Burton's wife, Judy, said.

Bear Wallow also offers a nature trail, a tour of a 1900-vintage home place, gemstone mining, pony rides, wood for campfires and a four-acre corn maze. The farm is open to the public Saturdays from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sundays from 1-6 p.m. It hosts school tours during the week.

**Reid's Orchard** in Daviess County started an apple festival 20 years ago to introduce newcomers to the area to the orchard business the family has had for more than 130 years.

"It kinda snowballed," owner Billie Reid said. "We never dreamed it would get this big."

The orchard's 19th annual Apple Festival is Oct. 22-23. The end-of-

harvest event attracts as many as 24,000 people to the 240-acre farm each year, according to Reid. Activities include rides in a tethered hot-air balloon and a wagon pulled by a pony. The festival also offers a corn maze, craft booths and food vendors serving chicken and pork dinners. Guests can buy apple cider, apple slushies and apple sundaes made from the orchard's signature crop.

"It's like the old county fair atmosphere," Reid said. "It's a family event."

Reid's Orchard grows 23 acres of apples, 22 acres of peaches, three acres of strawberries and about 50 acres of assorted vegetables.

One letter but about 160 miles away, **Reed Valley Orchard** in Bourbon County will host its Country Festival and Back Forty Nature Walk on Oct. 1. Visitors can take a nature walk and follow a stagecoach trail where outlaws Frank and Jesse James once camped. Fresh fruit slushies and homemade ice cream are made from fruits and berries grown in the orchard. Crafts, food and music are available. There also is an apple pie contest.

Reed Valley offers 45 varieties of apples to pick as well as peaches, pumpkins and other fruits and vegetables. A gift shop sells jams, jellies, handmade crafts and other goods.

**"R" Farm** in Mason County will wrap up its seventh annual Pumpkinfest Oct. 1-2 and will host a haunted corn maze Oct. 28-29. The farm will welcome group and school tours Monday through Friday during October.

Owner Laura Robinson expects attendance at Pumpkinfest to grow to about 2,000, which she said would about make up for the loss of school tours from surrounding counties due to increasing gas prices. Robinson is president of the River Valley Agritourism Alliance.

Pumpkinfest offers u-pick pumpkins, wagon rides, crafts, collectibles, a corn maze, entertainment, food booths, a petting zoo and many other activities.

Laura and Davis Robinson raise tobacco, hay and corn as well as five to seven acres of pumpkins and gourds on their 130-acre farm.

Many other fall agritourism adventures are available throughout Kentucky. For more information, go to [www.kentuckytourism.com](http://www.kentuckytourism.com).



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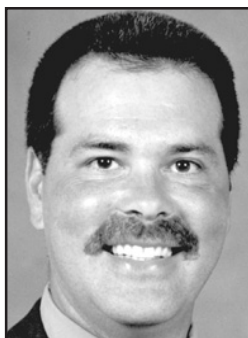


# Agriculture investments are working

**K**entucky's agriculture industry received some good news recently when it was announced that cash receipts to Kentucky farmers for their farm products crossed the \$4 billion mark for the first time in 2004.

The total was \$4.13 billion, 19 percent higher than farmgate receipts in 2003. This was achieved in a year in which tobacco income dropped by 2 percent. Receipts from almost every other crop and livestock product were up significantly as a result of strong prices and record-high corn and soybean crops.

These results are a sign that the investments the state has made to strengthen and diversify our agriculture economy are paying off. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board has invested \$187 million of tobacco settlement funds to improve existing agriculture industries, such as beef cattle, and establish new ones, such as aquaculture, goats and vegetables. Grants have been awarded for marketing, education and many other purposes. These projects are



**Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner**

## Richie Farmer

the best investments we can make to lay a firm foundation for the future of Kentucky agriculture and our rural communities.

The record year also coincided with the growth of the Kentucky Proud marketing program. More and more, Kentucky consumers are looking for the Kentucky Proud logo to find fresh, nutritious and delicious foods made right here at home. Kentucky's farmers' markets have driven some of the growth in the program as the number of markets in the state approaches 100. Now more Kentucky retailers are getting into the act.

A strong agricultural economy is good for all Kentuckians. Agriculture, forestry and food retailing account for 20.8 percent of employment, 13.4 percent of personal income and 16.4 percent of the state's total economic activity. A \$1 million increase in agricultural sales means a combined sales increase of more than \$500,000 in the transportation, manufacturing, banking and finance, retail and wholesale trade sectors.

The dollars you spend on Kentucky Proud products go back to communities large and small all over the Commonwealth. Producers and their families spend these dollars on groceries, clothing, school supplies, house payments, and other necessities of life.

There still is much to be done. We import the vast majority of the seafood, fruits, vegetables, nursery and greenhouse products, and many other farm products that we use in this state. To all involved in our record 2004, I say congratulations on a job well done, but I also say we're just getting started.

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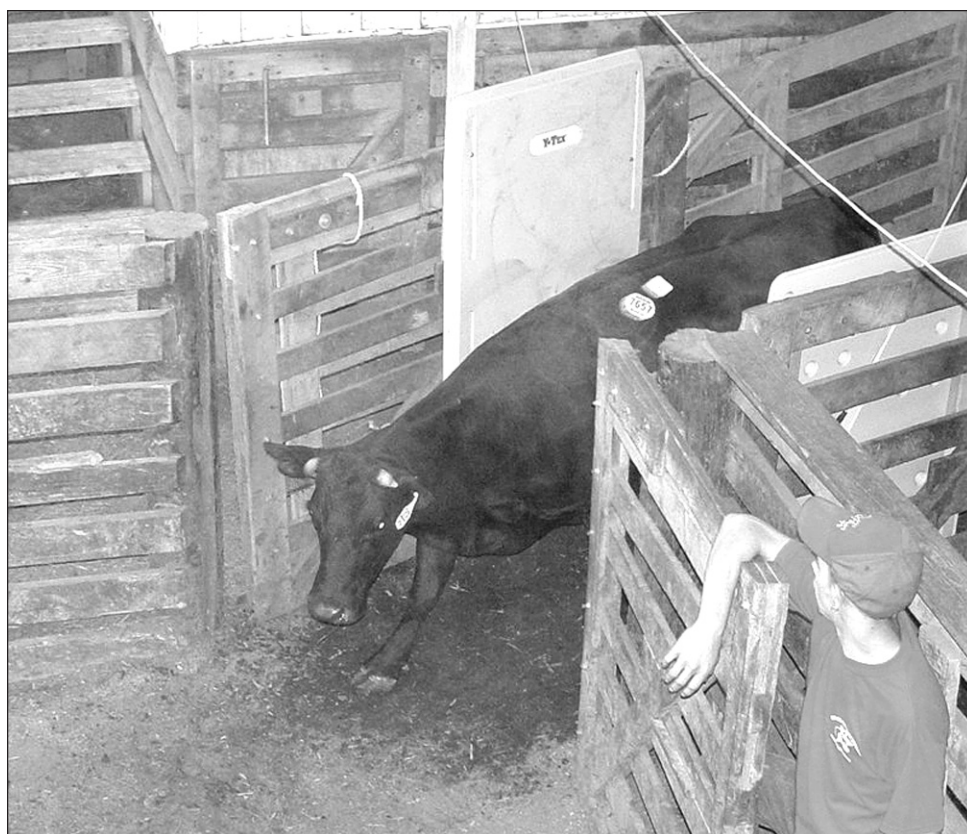
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## Sale demonstrates electronic animal ID



Photos by Ted Sloan



*A demonstration of an electronic animal identification system was held Sept. 3 at the Taylor County Stockyards in Campbellsville. Above: State Veterinarian Robert C. Stout, at microphone, explains the system to the crowd at the stockyards arena. Left: A cow passes through the panels that read a radio frequency signal from a button tag in the animal's left ear. Representatives of the Southern Livestock Network, the Kentucky Beef Network and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture were on hand to answer questions and help producers register their premises. The demonstration was part of a multi-state project to demonstrate the ability of an electronic identification system to trace animals from the farm through the stockyards to a Georgia processor.*

## Carloftis, Legg top WIA agenda

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**A**n author and a former U.S. official from Kentucky will be the featured speakers at the sixth statewide Kentucky Women in Agriculture Conference Nov. 2-4 at the Executive Inn Rivermont in Owensboro.

Hilda Legg of Somerset will speak at the opening session of the main conference Nov. 3. Legg was an administrator with USDA's Rural Utilities Service. She also served as the executive director and CEO for The Center for Rural Development in Somerset for seven years.

Garden designer and author John Carloftis will speak at the closing session Nov. 4. Carloftis is a Rockcastle County native and a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He will sign copies of his book "First a Garden."

Concurrent sessions Nov. 3 will take up topics including Making the Most of Your Contacts, Organizing Your Life, Adding Value to Your Product and Back to Basics. The first day will conclude with dinner and an auction, with entertainment provided by the Theatre Workshop of Owensboro. More concurrent sessions and roundtable discussions will take place Nov. 4.

A preconference session Nov. 2 will offer an agritourism workshop and tour along with a session on making the most of tobacco buyout money. The agritourism tour will include stops at Lambert Land Maize and Pumpkin Patch, the West Kentucky Growers Cooperative and Reid's Orchard.

Registration is limited and costs \$60 for KWIA members and \$70 for nonmembers. Preconference registration is an additional \$10 for the agritourism workshop. Included meals are lunch and dinner on Nov. 3 and breakfast and lunch on Nov. 4. Send registration and checks payable to Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc., to Kim Henken, University of Kentucky, 206 Scovell Hall, Lexington, Ky., 40546-0064. Preregistration is required and must be received by Oct. 20; no registrations will be accepted at the door.

For a conference program, registration forms or further information, visit the KWIA Web site at [www.kywomeninagr.com](http://www.kywomeninagr.com).



# Kids of all ag



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*Clockwise from top left: from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's simulator; Eric Sivado, rooster's victory in the Kaylee Gibson, Lexington Harrodsburg, try to pick the hive at the bee and honey Sawyer of London hands Farmer the reins of their its state fair champion team also won); Morgan her dairy heifer to cooperate center, accepts a silver trophy auctioneer at the Kentucky Breakfast; dignitaries champion country horse left, Miss Kentucky Kentucky Trager, chairman of the re*



Ham Breakfast photos by LeeWood Goodlett



# es love the Kentucky State Fair

A fairgoer struggles to rescue a doll  
partment of Agriculture's grain bin  
13, of Shepherdsville, celebrates his  
e rooster crowing contest; cousins  
ft, and Olivia Nichols, both of  
out the queen bee in the observation  
ney exhibit; Barbara, left, and Bob  
d Agriculture Commissioner Richie  
r four-mule hitch team that defended  
ship (the Sawyers' two-mule hitch  
Thompson of Shelbyville tries to get  
rate; farm broadcaster Jack Crowner,  
tray commemorating 42 years as the  
tucky Farm Bureau Country Ham  
celebrate the \$340,000 bid for the  
n, including, in the front row from  
erri Mitchell, Crowner and Bernard  
epublic Bankcorp, which made the  
record high bid.



Chris Aldridge



Ted Sloan



Chris Aldridge



# Marcums repeat as dairy quality winners

*KAN staff report*

Tommy and Linda Marcum of Grayson were honored with the state Dairy Quality Award during the annual Dairy Recognition Dinner Aug. 19 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

The Carter County family won the award for the second consecutive year and the third time in the four years the award has been offered. Michael Judge, executive director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's marketing office, presented them with \$250 and a farmgate sign recognizing their status as the dairy award winners.

The award is based on industry quality standards and farm inspections. Jerry Trester, Dairy Farmers of America field representative, nominated the Marcums. The award is sponsored by Dairy Products of Kentucky, the Ken-

tucky Dairy Development Council and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Other finalists for the award were the Hord family of Lewis County, the Travis and Brenda Mullins family of Lincoln County, and the Jerry Reynolds family of Lincoln County.

State Sen. Joey Pendleton of Hopkinsville and dairy producer Jackie Branham of Frankfort were honored for their work in passage of legislation that made milk the state's official drink.

Other awards presented at the dinner were:

- \* Dairy promotion award – Barren County June Dairy Committee
- \* Outstanding Kentucky exhibitor – Louis Trauth Dairy, Newport
- \* Outstanding overall exhibitor – Louis Trauth Dairy, Newport
- \* Culinary Sweepstakes Award – Ken Nickoulins, Louisville



Steve Patton

*The Marcums - Linda, left; Tommy, right; and their grandchildren - accept the farmgate sign signifying their Spring Hill Farm as winner of the 2005 Dairy Quality Award.*

## Thomas heads dairy group

*KAN staff report*

A lifelong dairy farmer and former legislator has been named the first executive director of the new Kentucky Dairy Development Council.

Roger Thomas of Smiths Grove will promote Kentucky's dairy industry, represent the industry before lawmakers and other government entities, and run the day-to-day operation of the KDDC.

"Dairying has been a big part of my life for many years," Thomas said. "I look forward to doing my best to provide my services to other dairy farm families to help increase their profitability and to grow the dairy industry in Kentucky."

Thomas ran a dairy farm with his father until recently. He represented the 21st District in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1996-2004. He and his wife, Doris, have three children.

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council was established earlier this year. It received funding from the Agricultural Development Board to fund the executive director position and for administration for two years. The group was formed by dairy producers, dairy industry representatives and advisory individuals from universities and state agencies.

For more information, contact the Kentucky Dairy Development Council at (859) 516-1129.

## Directory lists Ky. hay for sale

*KAN staff report*

Livestock farmers who need hay can find it right here in Kentucky. Listings of farms with hay for sale can be found on the Hay and Forage Program page of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Web site, [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com).

KDA also offers a hay testing service. KDA staff will take samples of hay and haylage at the farm and analyze

them in the KDA Forage Laboratory. If the hay is to be sold, staff will make a visual evaluation and often will take a digital picture of the forage for the listing in the Hay Sales Directory. The producer receives an analysis of the forage's nutritional value. The Department charges \$10 per sample for the service.

For more information, call the toll-free Hay Hotline, 1-800-248-4628, or e-mail [kimberly.field@ky.gov](mailto:kimberly.field@ky.gov).

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Chris Aldridge

Danny Hendricks, right, owns Kentucky's Finest Sausage. At left is employee Anthony Stoll.

## Family meat business hurt by Tenn. lottery

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE

*Kentucky Agricultural News*

**T**he start of the Tennessee Lottery last year adversely affected a small beef and pork retailer located less than five miles north of the Tennessee border.

"That really hurt me," Kentucky's Finest Sausage owner Danny Hendricks said, noting 10,000 cars per day once passed his storefront on U.S. 31W near Interstate 65. He said many were Tennesseans taking the first Kentucky exit to buy Powerball tickets.

"It was gridlock on Friday evenings," Hendricks said. "Now, I don't have those people passing by that don't mind spending \$75-100."

Hendricks still gets a lot of business from south of the border.

"We get a lot of people from Tennessee trying to beat the tax," he said. Tennessee taxes its food at 9.75 percent

because it doesn't have a state income tax. "I try to get 'em before they get to Wal-Mart [three miles down 31W]."

Kentucky's Finest Sausage sells 30,000 pounds of beef and pork per year. Known for its cut-to-order ribeyes and filets, and sausage it processes on site, KFS has been in business for four

years. Hendricks also sells his beef and pork locally to "a couple of retail chains and 'mom and pop' type restaurants."

Hendricks is now the sole owner after buying out two partners who helped him start KFS.

"Things are going pretty well;

I'm still in business, anyhow," he said. "It is different than what I envisioned it to be. It's a lot tougher.

"Just because you make something and people think it's good doesn't mean they're gonna buy it."

You can buy KFS products by calling (270) 598-9600.

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*Just because you make something and people think it's good doesn't mean they're gonna buy it."*

—Danny Hendricks

## Hurricane relief donations sought

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will take months to dispose of them and replace all the downed fences. Feed is needed to supplement pastures that have been devastated by storm water and debris.

New farm supplies being collected include:

- Barbed wire
- T-posts or wood posts
- Chain saws (for clearing storm debris)
- Electric fence chargers (solar and electric)
- Electric fence wire, posts and related supplies
- Fence post drivers
- Brace wire
- Gates, 12-foot and 16-foot
- Woven wire
- Bagged livestock feed
- Hay rings
- Water tubs

The items will be collected at the following locations statewide (listed west to east):

• Murray State University Livestock and Exposition Center, 2101 College Farm Road, Murray – 8 a.m.-4 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday (after hours by appointment); (270) 762-3125 or (270) 762-3328

• Western Kentucky University L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center, Elrod Road, Bowling Green – 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday or by appointment; (270) 843-3542 or (270) 791-9416

• Otis Bryant and Son, U.S. 62, Caneyville – 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday; (270) 879-3221

• Densified Solutions, Magnet Drive (off U.S. 62), Elizabethtown – 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday; (270) 765-4121

• Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 107 Corporate Drive (off Ky. 1681), Frankfort – 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday; (502) 573-0282

• University of Kentucky Maine Chance Farm (Spindletop), 2099 Newtown Pike, Lexington – 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday; (859) 255-3147 or (859) 509-2967

• Eastern Kentucky University Meadowbrook Farm, Whitt Road, Richmond – 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday; (859) 622-1310

• Morehead State University Derrickson Agricultural Complex, Ky. 377, Morehead – 8 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday; (606) 783-2649 or (606) 783-2662

Customers may encourage local businesses or farm supply stores to take orders for supplies to donate to the relief effort. Kentucky Department of Agriculture field personnel will pick the donations up to deliver them to the collection points. Donors may request a receipt for tax purposes. Contact the Department toll-free at 1-888-567-9589 for more information.

The supplies will be transported to Mississippi and Louisiana, where representatives of Heifer International, the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, and the Mississippi state veterinarian's office will distribute them to farmers in the three states. The Uni-

versity of Kentucky is supplying trucks to deliver the donated items to Mississippi.

Tax-deductible donations may be

made to the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, 176 Pasadena Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. Donors are asked to write your checks to "KCA Katrina Fund." To make a credit card donation, call the KCA at (859) 278-0899.

Other partners include Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Anderson Circle Farm, the Hardin County Cattlemen's Association, the Kentucky Dairy Development Council, the Kentucky Pork Producers Association and the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is continuing to monitor the situation in the Southeast and will plan future donations and work crews as needed.

For more information, call the Kentucky Department of Agriculture toll-free at 1-888-567-9589 or check the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Web site at [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com).

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# Short Rows: *A brief look at what's new in Kentucky agriculture*

## Ag board grants KBN \$2.4 million

*Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy*

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,465,630 for continued funding of the Kentucky Beef Network. This proposal was one of the 64 projects, totaling \$5,431,083, approved at the September Agricultural Development Board meeting.

The Kentucky Beef Network (KBN) will utilize state funds for continued funding of the existing program designed to enhance net returns to cattle producers through increased marketing opportunities, data management, and comprehensive farm management systems.

KBN has played a critical role in helping to prepare Kentucky cattlemen and other livestock owners for the National Animal Identification System while taking advantage of marketing opportunities with source verification through the use of electronic identification and records management. KBN facilitators work individually with farmers to collect pertinent data and to interpret the resulting reports. Funds will also be used to implement several production and marketing programs for producers and to provide educational programs requested by producers at the Kentucky Beef Summit in September 2004.

## Mexico livestock show opens Oct. 7

*KAN staff report*

Kentucky beef cattle producers and agriculture officials are invited to attend livestock expositions south of the border in October.

The Expo Ganadera Jalisco will be Oct. 7-29 in Guadalajara, Mexico. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Kentucky Agricultural and Commercial Trade Office will be exhibiting at this annual livestock show. Livestock and livestock related products will be exhibited throughout the show.

The Expo Ganadera hosts some of the leading beef cattle shows in Latin America. The event attracts an average of 25,000 visitors per day from all the states of Mexico and 20 other countries, including the United States, Canada, and countries in Latin America and Europe. It is sponsored by the Union Ganadera Regional de Jalisco.

For more information, contact Kelly N. Ludwig of the KDA's Office for Agriculture Marketing and Product Promotion at (502) 564-4983 or Marcos Castillo at [kymexico@infosel.net.mx](mailto:kymexico@infosel.net.mx).

## Workshop to address meth abuse problem

*UK College of Agriculture*

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service will hold a two-day workshop on the problem of methamphetamine production and abuse Nov. 14-15 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

The program, entitled "Methamphetamine - Too Close to Home," will provide assistance and resources that will enable people to work together locally to address the issue, said Torey Earle, chair of the Cooperative Extension Service's West District quick response team on drug abuse awareness.

The first day of training will focus on family and community alliances and will feature a discussion with legislators on methamphetamine legislation. The second day will focus on environmental impacts on farm and family, including standards for cleanup and remediation.

Workshop sponsors include the UK Cooperative Extension Service, UK Health Education Extension Leadership (HEEL) Program, Eastern Kentucky University Training Consortium, Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force and Butler County Extension Homemaker Association.

Participants may attend the program for one or two days. The cost is \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days. Lunch, beverage breaks and an informational CD are included in the fee.

Registration forms and more information about the workshop are available at county offices of the UK Cooperative Extension Service.

## E.W. James joins Kentucky Proud

*KDA staff report*



Ted Sloan

A customer looks over a jar of McDowell Farms Salsa as, from right, Carla and David McDowell and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Maria Maldonado look on Sept. 22 at the E.W. James & Sons grocery in Lexington's Palomar Center. E.W. James launched its partnership with the Kentucky Proud marketing program with special events at three Lexington stores.

## Kentucky exhibitors shine in Angus shows

*Special to KAN*

Anne Patton Schubert of Taylorsville led the grand champion and junior champion bull at the Kentucky State Fair Angus Show Aug. 27 in Louisville.

Blake Boyd, Mays Lick, showed the reserve grand champion female, and Ericka Waggener, Harrodsburg, led the reserve grand champion cow-calf pair.

Schubert walked away with the Premier Exhibitor prize at the 2005 American Angus Breeders' Futurity Roll of Victory (ROV) Show on July 31 in Louisville. Schubert's exhibits also won junior bull calf champion, reserve senior bull calf champion, reserve junior champion bull, junior get-of-sire and calf get-of-sire. Gordon Schubert of Taylorsville won Manager of the Year.

Kentucky exhibitors swept the top two spots in the Bred-and-Owned Females category over 235 competitors at the 2005 National Junior Angus Show July 17-23 in Denver.

Blake Boyd of Mayslick led Boyd Forever Lady 4004 to grand champion bred-and-owned female honors as well as early junior champion heifer. Katrina Womack of Pembroke led Grandview Womack Lucy 2713 to reserve senior champion female.

## Heirloom Seed Conservancy conference set for October

*Special to KAN*

The Second Annual Fall Conference of the Appalachian Heirloom Seed Conservancy will be held Oct. 21-23 at the Sustainable Mountain Agriculture Center on Pilot Knob Cemetery Road in Berea.

Speakers, workshops, tours and seed swaps will be offered. The AHSC advisory board will meet Saturday at noon.

Registration fees will be \$5 for members who pre-register, \$8 for members at the door, \$10 for non-members for one day and \$15 for non-members for the entire conference.

For more information, contact Brook Elliot, (859) 623-2765, [KentuckySeeds@hotmail.com](mailto:KentuckySeeds@hotmail.com), or Roger Postley, (859) 278-4846, [RPostley@aol.com](mailto:RPostley@aol.com)



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**FOR SALE:** Registered Boer goats; bucks and nannies, fullbloods and percentages with papers. Garden Gate Boer Goats, (270) 325-2972.

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**FOR SALE:** Registered Angus bulls, A.I. sired, EPDs that meet program guidelines, fully vaccinated, fully guaranteed, delivery available. Call (270) 384-0327. Elk Creek Angus, J.M. Shelley, Columbia, Ky.

**FOR SALE:** Polled Hereford bulls & heifers. (502) 348-4167. Moran Farms - Bardstown - Bloomfield.

**FOR SALE:** Registered Boer goats; bucks and nannies, full bloods and percentage with papers. Call (270) 749-4232.

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**164 ACRE FARM IN LOGAN COUNTY:** Fenced and creek for cattle, deer, turkey and small game for hunting. 20 minutes from Bowling Green, very private on Old Greenville Rd with county water available. Priced to sell at \$179,000. Call (270) 542-6844.

## HOUSEHOLD

**KENTUCKY HOSPITALITY II** cookbook by the Ky. Federation of Womens Clubs contains over 1,000 recipes from members across the state plus excellent history of our state and is on sale for \$20 which can be ordered by sending a check made to KFWC and mailed to Romenza Johnson, 3341 Cemetery Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42103.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**NEW BOOK:** "Bleating Heart: How a Little Goat Saved My Life," by Lillian Kinsey. \$16.95 + \$1.02 sales tax and \$4 shipping and handling, total \$21.97. (502) 857-4778.

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Chris Aldridge  
Maria Maldonado discusses the Kentucky Proud plate with Earl Southerland of Louisville.

# License plate says you're Kentucky Proud

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE

*Kentucky Agricultural News*

If you are "Kentucky Proud" of our Commonwealth's farmers and food producers, you can show everyone by purchasing a new specialty license plate.

"The Kentucky Proud marketing program helps Kentucky consumers find the best, freshest farm products, produced right here at home," Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. "The license plate makes a statement that we're Kentucky Proud of our great Kentucky farm products and the people who produce them. It also will encourage people who see it to find out what Kentucky Proud is all about."

Sales of the plate benefit Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, a nonprofit KDA program. "This program helps Kentucky schoolchildren understand their connection to agriculture and the environment," Commissioner Farmer said. "It's one of the most important things we do."



In order for the specialty plate to be produced, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet must receive 900 orders by March 18, 2006. To help reach that number, Maria Maldonado of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is sending application forms to every chamber of commerce in the state. She also was stationed at a booth during the Kentucky State Fair where she gave out applications and encouraged fairgoers to sign up to get the plate.

The attractive plate contains a large red, blue and green Kentucky Proud logo and the KDA marketing program's slogan, "Nothing else is close."

An initial fee of \$25 is charged at the time of application for the new plate, and a renewal fee of \$20 will be charged each year. To request an application, call (859) 327-1177, e-mail Maria.Maldonado@ky.gov or write: Kentucky Proud License Application Request, c/o Maria Maldonado, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 500 Mero Street, 7th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.

## Course teaches ATV safety



The Kentucky Department of Agriculture conducted a course on all-terrain vehicle safety in Elizabethtown in August that was taped for the local cable channel. Left: Dale Dobson, right, the Department's farm safety coordinator, talks to, from left, Nick Stuecker, Matt Adams and Mark Thomas about ATV safety. Right: Thomas negotiates an obstacle course.



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